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OF
NORTH CAROLINA,
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Asheville, N. C., June 23-26, 1881.



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PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., Thursday, June 23d, 1881.

The Baptist State Sunday School Convention met in the Baptist Church at Asheville, at 11 o'clock A. M. Elder A. C. Dixon, Chairman of the Sunday School Board of the Western Baptist Convention, called the meeting to order, and Elder Joseph E. Carter, of Wilson, led in prayer. N. B. Broughton, of Raleigh, President of Sunday School Board of Baptist State Convention, was called to the chair as temporary Chairman, and John E. Ray, of Raleigh, appointed temporary Secretary.

Elder A. C. Dixon, pastor of Asheville Church, delivered the address of welcome to the two hundred or more delegates present the first day. To this N. B. Broughton responded.

Visiting brethren were invited to seats. Invitation accepted by Elder W. H. Strickland, Corresponding Secretary State Mission Board of South Carolina, and Elder A. E. Owen, of Portsmouth, Va.

On motion, the chairman appointed a committee on permanent organization, consisting of J. B. Richardson, W. A. Nelson, D. McNeill, A. C. Dixon and R. H. Marsh.

Representatives of the press of the State were invited to seats.

On motion, all persons present, who are members of any Baptist Sunday School, were entitled to seats and requested to enroll their names as delegates, and as representatives of their respective Schools.

The following were enrolled:

NAME.	SUNDAY SCHOOL.	ASSOCIATION.	COUNTY.
W. D. Justice,	Asheville,	Salem,	Buncombe.
Miss Lila Springs,	Charlotte,	South Yadkin,	Mecklenburg.
T. J. Horner,	Henderson,	Flat River,	Vance.
E. K. Proctor, Jr.,	Lumberton,	Cape Fear,	Robeson.
Rev. T. U. Ebeltoft,	Fayetteville,	Cedar Creek,	Cumberland.
" R. I. Devin,	Grassy Creek,	Flat River,	Granville.
T. B. Justice, Jr.,	Rutherfordton,	Green River,	Rutherford.
H. Brown,	Wadesboro,	Brown Creek,	Anson.
" "	Poor House,	" "	"
J. C. Turner,	New Hope,	South Yadkin,	Iredell.
Rev. E. Allison,	Waynesville,	Tuckasee,	Haywood.
W. W. Perkinson,	1st Raleigh,	Central,	Wake.
Rev. S. H. Harrington,	Bakersville,	Roan Mountain,	Mitchell.
" G. M. Webb,	Pleasant Hill,	King's Mountain,	Cleaveland.
" " "	Capernaum,	" "	"
" " "	Buffalo Paper Mills,	" "	"
" " "	Buffalo School,	" "	"
Lawson Kenott,	Hester's,	Flat River,	Granville.
R. T. Vaughn,	Bethel,	Green River,	McDowell.
J. M. McCurdy,	Howells,	Rocky River,	Cabarrus.
S. H. Fleming,	Marion,	Catawba River,	McDowell.
C. G. Nanney,	Cane Creek,	Salem,	Buncombe.
Duncan McLeod,	Sandy Level,	Mt. Zion,	Durham.
E. E. Hamer,	Cartledge's Creek,	Pee Dee,	Richmond.
J. A. Nicholson, Jr.,	Rockingham,	" "	"
J. G. Laughter,	Cooper's Gap,	Green River,	Rutherford.
Rev. E. J. Morgan,	Hominy,	Salem,	Buncombe.
B. B. Buffalo,	New Hope,	Central,	Wake.
" " "	Milburnie,	" "	"
R. D. Weathers,	New Hope,	" "	"
E. J. Hackney,	Durham,	Mt. Zion,	Durham.
J. M. Hamlin,	Brevard,	Salem,	Transylvania.
N. B. Cannady,	Oxford,	Flat River,	Granville.
W. L. Saunders,	Bethel,	South Yadkin,	Iredell.
J. T. Brooks,	Brevard,	Salem,	Transylvania.
Will. H. McCullers,	Clayton,	Raleigh,	Johnston.
W. M. Dodd,	Shelby,	King's Mountain,	Cleaveland.
Mrs. W. M. Dodd,	Fayetteville,	Cedar Creek,	Cumberland.
B. D. Howell,	Mt. Zion,	Flat River,	Granville.
J. K. Howell,	Selma,	Raleigh,	Johnston.
Rev. W. L. Wright,	Hillsboro,	Mt. Zion,	Orange.
Miss Oct. G. Stroud,	Mar's Hill,	" "	"
Jesse Holt,	Graham,	" "	Alamance.
J. E. Jones,	Hillsboro,	" "	Orange.
M. W. Page,	Oxford,	Flat River,	Granville.
Rev. T. Bright,	Bent Creek,	Salem,	Buncombe.
" D. B. Nelson,	Hendersonville,	" "	Henderson.
" W. C. McCarthy,	"	" "	"
Mrs. W. C. McCarthy,	"	" "	"
Rev. T. Dixon,	New Prospect,	King's Mountain,	Cleaveland.
" " "	New Hope,	" "	"

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NAME.	SUNDAY SCHOOL.	ASSOCIATION.	COUNTY.
Mrs. A. E. Dixon,	Shelby,	King's Mountain,	Cleveland.
Rev. F. H. Jones,	Yanceyville,	Beulah,	Caswell.
Miss Rosa E. Jones,	Shiloh,	"	"
"	Beulah,	"	"
Rev. N. Bowen,	Salem,	Salem,	Henderson.
W. B. Smith,	Forestville,	Central,	Wake.
J. R. Dunn,	"	"	"
J. C. Leigh,	"	"	"
Mrs. J. C. Leigh,	"	"	"
John E. Ray,	1st Raleigh,	"	"
"	Mt. Vernon,	"	"
George E. Hunter,	"	"	"
Miss Dora B. Lague,	Abbott's Creek,	Liberty,	Davidson.
"	M. E. Horner,	Flat River,	Vance.
"	Liz. W. Marsh,	"	Granville.
Robt. D. Caldwell,	Lumberton,	Cape Fear,	Robeson.
J. W. Metcalf,	Chimney Rock,	Green River,	Rutherford.
Miss Jessie Howard,	Mt. Zion,	Flat River,	Granville.
M. M. Stewart,	Pleasant Grove,	Salem,	Henderson.
E. F. Tatum,	Eaton's,	South Yadkin,	Davie.
J. W. Anderson,	Mar's Hill,	French Broad,	Madison.
H. W. Reinhart,	Thomasville,	Liberty,	Davidson.
J. W. Denmark,	Laurel Mission,	Raleigh,	Wake.
G. P. Bostick,	Wake Forest,	Central,	"
W. W. Carroll,	Hickory,	South Fork,	Catawba.
J. D. Trivett,	Marion,	Green River,	McDowell.
C. D. Whitley,	Whitestone,	Raleigh,	Wake.
J. C. B. Justice,	New Prospect,	Tuckasiege,	Haywood.
Jno. G. Pulliam,	Mud Creek,	Salem,	Henderson.
J. A. Thorn,	White Oak,	Green River,	Polk.
W. W. Wells,	Boilston,	Salem,	Transylvania.
"	Enon,	"	"
Rev. Jos. E. Carter,	Tarboro,	Tar River,	Wilson.
"	Wilson,	"	"
R. H. Marsh,	Enon,	Flat River,	Granville.
"	Poplar Creek,	"	"
D. M. McNeill,	Spring Hill,	Pee Dee,	Richmond.
Jno. M. Davis,	Morgan Hill,	French Broad,	Buncombe.
W. T. Bradley,	"	"	"
S. M. Collis,	Grassy Creek,	Roan Mountain,	Mitchell.
Geo. W. Watkins,	Mountain Creek,	Flat River,	Granville.
Henry Knott,	"	"	"
R. B. Gaddy,	Polkton,	Brown's Creek,	Anson.
"	Red Hill,	Pee Dee,	"
O. N. Richardson,	High Point,	Liberty.	
W. S. Splawn,	White Oak,	Green River,	Polk.
J. E. Rollins,	Mt. Vernon,	"	Rutherford.
Rev. B. M. Bean,	Brevard,	Salem,	Transylvania.
W. P. Southern,	"	"	"
Miss Fannie Brooks,	"	"	"
"	Flora Brooks,	"	"
Rev. W. A. Nelson,	Shelby,	King's Mountain,	Cleveland.
T. D. Lattimore,	"	"	"
J. L. Webb,	"	"	"

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NAME.	SUNDAY SCHOOL.	ASSOCIATION.	COUNTY
M. W. Doggett,	Shelby,	King's Mountain,	Cleaveland.
R. McBrayer,	"	"	"
A. R. Eskidge,	"	"	"
Rev. G. M. Webb,	"	"	"
T. H. Street,	Mill Creek,	Flat River,	Person.
J. W. Hackney,	Mt. Gillead,	Mt. Zion,	Chatham.
"	Spring Hill,	"	"
T. J. Wiggs,	1st Raleigh,	Central,	Wake.
J. L. Westcott,	Smithville,	Cape Fear,	Brunswick.
W. A. Honeycutt,	Mt. Pleasant,	French Broad,	Yancey.
W. J. Wilkie,	Bear Wallow,	Salem,	Henderson.
D. O. Brook,	Brevard,	"	Transylvania.
Rev. H. Hatcher,	Visitor,	Raleigh,	Wake.
J. A. White,	Shelby,	King's Mountain,	Cleaveland.
H. Morton,	Thomasville,	Liberty,	Davidson.
Stephen Ammons,	Gabriel's Creek,	French Broad,	Madison.
W. A. Stowe,	Greensboro,	Beulah,	Guilford.
Rev. Theo. Whitfield,	Charlotte,	South Yadkin,	Mecklenburg.
Mrs. " "	"	"	"
Rev. W. M. Kennedy,	Masonboro,	Eastern,	New Hanover.
" " "	Riley's Creek,	"	Pender.
J. S. Bridges,	Catawba Church,	South Yadkin,	Catawba.
C. C. Newton,	Wells' Chapel,	Eastern.	
" " "	Shiloh,	"	"
Rev. C. B. Mingus,	Pleasant Hill,	Tuckasiege,	Haywood.
G. H. Coltharp,	Cowee,	"	Macon.
" " "	Oak Grove,	"	"
" " "	Liberty,	"	"
Rev. J. S. Purefoy,	Wake Union,	Central,	Wake.
A. T. Hord,	New Bethel,	King's Mountain,	Cleaveland.
Theo. Evans,	Mountline,	Cedar Creek,	Cumberland.
J. H. Freeman,	Bear Wallow,	Salem,	Henderson.
C. C. Mathes,	Swannanoa Hill,		Buncombe.
Rev. A. C. Dixon,	Asheville,	Salem,	"
A. J. Justice,	Turkey Creek,	New Found,	"
Claude E. Gower,	Mt. Moriah,	Raleigh,	Wake.
W. H. Osborne,	Wake Forest,	Central,	"
S. Wallen,	Big Laurel,	French Broad,	Madison.
W. H. Mitchell,	Franklinton,	Central,	Franklin.
Jno. T. C. Norwood,	Oak Grove,	Flat River,	Granville.
A. B. Adkins,	Bethlehem,	Chowan,	Hertford.
S. V. Furches,	Farmington,	South Yadkin,	Davie.
Rev. F. M. Jordan,		Salem,	Henderson.
Mrs. F. M. Jordan,		"	"
L. O. Lougee,	Durham,	Mt. Zion,	Durham.
" " "	Yates,	"	"
Rev. C. Durham,	Durham,	"	"
E. C. Hackney,	"	"	"
Rev. J. B. Taylor,	1st Bap. Wilmington,	Eastern,	Pender.
"	W. R. Gwaltney, 2nd Raleigh,	Raleigh,	Wake.
B. D. Barker,	Olive Chapel,	Mt. Zion,	"
J. B. Holman,	Society,	South Yadkin,	Iredell.
Miss L. M. Vail,	1st Raleigh,	Central,	Wake.
H. B. Bagwell,	Samaria,	Raleigh,	"

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J. D. Joyner,	1st Raleigh,	Central,	Wake.
A. R. Pittman,	Zoar,	King's Mountain,	Cleaveland.
Mrs. A. R. Pittman,	"	"	"
Chas. E. Lee,	Asheville,	Salem,	Buncombe.
C. M. Williams,	"	"	"
E. L. Taylor,	Pleasant Hill,	Green River,	Rutherford.
Rev. John Ammons,	Bull Creek,	French Broad,	Madison.
J. R. Jones,	Hickory,	South Fork,	Catawba.
Jas. R. Rodwell,	Gardner's,	Tar River,	Warren.
W. G. Lewis,	Statesville,	South Yadkin,	Iredell.
W. F. Williams,	Charlotte,	"	Mecklenburg.
Mrs. " "	"	"	"
C. W. Eddins,	"	"	"
Mrs. " "	"	"	"
J. L. M. McCracken,	Crab Tree,	Tuckasiege,	Haywood.
R. L. Walker,	"	"	"
Rev. G. W. Brooks,	Mt. Moriah,	Salem,	Transylvania.
C. L. Osborne,	Brevard,	"	"
S. J. Morgan,	Morgan Hill,	French Broad,	Buncombe.
S. V. House,	2nd Raleigh,	Raleigh,	Wake.
T. W. Blake,	"	"	"
Geo. D. Cully,	"	"	"
S. C. Holland,	"	"	"
N. B. Broughton,	"	"	"
L. J. Weaver,	Chapel Hill,	Mt. Zion,	Orange.
Rev. J. B. Boone,	Statesville,	South Yadkin,	Iredell.
J. Y. Bost,	"	"	"
J. F. Bland,	Sandy Run,	King's Mountain,	Cleaveland.
Mrs. M. E. Bland,	"	"	"
B. F. Knott,	Island Creek,	Catawba,	Burke.
J. M. Hamilton,	Silver Creek,	Green River,	Polk.
A. T. Hord,	Salem,	Catawba,	Lincoln.
J. A. Green,	Mt. Vernon,	Green River,	Rutherford.
J. M. Gallimore,	Salem,	Salem,	Henderson.
J. J. Meadows,	Mt. Zion,	Flat River,	Granville.

The committee on permanent organization reported, nominating:

For President, N. B. Broughton, of Raleigh; for Secretaries, D. B. Nelson, of Hendersonville, and John E. Ray, of Raleigh; and for Treasurer, W. P. Southern, of Brevard.

The report was unanimously adopted.

Fixed the hour for the adjournment of the morning session, each day, at 12:30 o'clock, and the afternoon session at 5 o'clock.

Took recess.

AFTERNOON—THURSDAY, 23D.

Met at 3 o'clock, President Broughton in the chair. The committee on permanent organization reported the following additional names:

For First Vice-President, Prof. H. W. Reinhart, Thomasville, N. C.; for Second Vice-President, Rev. J. B. Taylor, Wilmington, N. C.; for Third Vice-President, Rev. C. B. Mingus, Pigeon River, N. C.; for Fourth Vice-President, Rev. S. M. Collis, Bakersville, N. C.

Report adopted.

The President then called for statements of the progress of the work, which was responded to by F. H. Jones and W. A. Stowe, of the Beulah Association; H. Brown and R. B. Gaddy of Brown Creek; S. M. Collis in regard to Brushy Mountain; and J. L. Westcott and E. K. Proctor of Cape Fear. Brother Proctor spoke particularly of Lumberton, and mentioned that Dr. T. H. Pritchard is now conducting a series of meetings there. Brother F. M. Jordan also spoke of the work in Lumberton, and on motion, the Convention engaged in special prayer for the success of the meeting referred to, led by Elder E. Allison of Waynesville.

Remarks were made upon the progress of the work in the Catawba Association by S. H. Fleming; in the Cedar Creek by T. W. Ebeltoft and Theophilus Evans; in the Black Mountain by S. M. Collis; in the Central by J. S. Purefoy and G. P. Bostick; in the Chowan by A. B. Adkins; in the Eastern by W. M. Kennedy; in the Liberty by H. W. Reinhart; in the Flat River by J. J. Meadows and G. W. Watkins; in the French Broad by J. M. Davis; and in the Green River by T. B. Justice, Jr.

On motion of H. Hatcher, W. A. Nelson was requested to state the progress and needs of the Sunday School work so far as his observation has extended during his travels in the State. Brother Nelson responded, mentioning some of the evils to be remedied, some discouragements and some things to encourage us.

On motion, adjourned. Benediction by S. M. Collis.

In the evening we enjoyed a good gospel sermon, on Rom. 1:16, from Elder W. R. Gwaltney, pastor Swain Street church, Raleigh.

FRIDAY MORNING—JULY 24TH.

Praise meeting, conducted by Elder J. B. Richardson.

It was here announced that Elder E. F. Baldwin, a member of the Convention, had a very severe attack last night, and was near unto death; whereupon the Convention offered prayer for the brother's recovery, led by Dr. Whitfield, of Charlotte.

Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

Invitation to visitors repeated.

On motion, the Secretaries of the Sunday School Boards of the State were allowed five minutes each, to present the statistics of the work.

Elder W. W. Wells, of the Western Convention, presented the following:

"The statistics of only 38 Schools have been obtained. These contain 5,500 scholars, with an average attendance of 2,900. Only 32 per cent. are evergreen schools. 54½ per cent. are Baptist and the balance are Union. Of the Baptist schools 50 per cent. use lesson helps and take regular collections every Lord's day. 43 per cent. of these are evergreen. Of the Union schools 20 per cent. use the lesson helps and take collections, and 13 per cent. of them are evergreen. This does not represent much more than 50 per cent. We have had a missionary at work in the field, and the prospect before us is bright. We have now five missionaries appointed to labor in their respective counties. Some have commenced and are doing a good work."

Elder A. C. Dixon followed with some remarks.

For the State Convention, John E. Ray submitted the following:

"Impossible to get full statistics. Even when blanks are printed on postal cards and sent out, the brethren will not fill them out and return them. There are about 650 white Baptist Sunday Schools East of Blue Ridge. We never report Union Schools. 40 to 50 per cent. are evergreen. 50 new ones have been organized since last November. Between 45,000 and 50,000 attendants. More than 2,000 professions of religion have occurred in the schools during the year."

On motion of Jos. E. Carter, Rev. J. A. Lyons, Secretary of Holston M. E. Conference, was invited to a seat. He accepted and returned thanks.

Remarks were added by N. B. Broughton, President Sunday School Board of Baptist State Convention.

According to programme considered: "What constitutes true success in the Sunday School work?"

Rev. W. H. Strickland, of South Carolina, said:

Numbers do not. Neither does music. Nor does good machinery, such as organ, blackboard, &c. These may be elements of success if rightly used. But the first element of true success is the *power* of God's word. Second, regular and liberal contributions. This is mission work and practical christianity. Third, the conversion of souls, the final object of all Sunday School effort. The speaker suggested as a good motto, "*Drive on*," which were the dying words of Christmas Evans, a Welsh Baptist preacher.

Prof. H. W. Reinhart followed and spoke encouragingly to small schools:

Numbers and wealth may or may not contribute to success. The aim of Sunday School instruction, as well as all christian teaching, should be to familiarize the mind with God's truth and to interweave into all daily living, in one's purposes, plans, general conduct and conversation, the conviction of God's overshadowing presence, saving power, allwise loving providence, as accepted, realized household truths. The attainment of this end constitutes true success in Sunday School work.

H. Hatcher said:

This is all very nice if we could only attain the high standard given; but we must do the best we can.

T. J. Horner:

Thinks that true success consists in God's blessing upon our work.

Jos. E. Carter:

The position of the last speaker is both understood and indorsed by all.

S. M. Collis:

Four P's are necessary to success, Punctuality, Prayer, Parents, Patience.

J. B. Taylor:

First necessity, create an interest. Dry routine work will kill. Beware of much speaking in the Sunday School.

R. B. Gaddy:

Pastors should see that the Sunday School is properly officered and managed. It is church work and should be done by the members. The members sow the seed and the pastor harvests it.

F. H. Jones:

All should attend. Some do not go because they cannot sing, pray or teach; but every one should go. Illustrated by the incident of the little children, whose parents were away from home when the house took fire. All assisted in extinguishing the flames but one tiny boy, who reported to his father that he stood by and said amen. So if we can do nothing more we should go and say amen.

D. McNeill:

Love to the Master the first element of success. Gather them in and labor to please them. Gray heads should adorn the Sabbath School.

A. C. Dixon:

The Sunday School should not take the place of the church. If scholars go home before preaching *they* are not taught to love the Bible. Such work is not success, but failure.

W. A. Nelson:

Put the Sunday School at a different hour of the day, say in the afternoon, except in the country.

A. C. Dixon:

Thinks the Sunday School ought to be continued to within five minutes of the preaching service.

J. J. Meadows:

Preach the Word to the old folks. Get *them* in and the children will follow.

W. H. Strickland:

Danger of getting the standard too high. All the family cannot go. The mother, who is often housekeeper, nurse and cook, cannot attend. She is engaged in a greater work. But all who *can*, should attend.

RECESS.

Met at 3 P. M. Praise meeting thirty minutes, led by Dr. Whitfield.

President Broughton not being present, 1st Vice-President Reinhart took the chair and announced the subject: "Our Sunday School literature as a help in studying and teaching the Scriptures." Led by J. B. Taylor:

Believes the inspiration of the Scriptures and delivered an earnest eulogy upon the book. Yet how little we know about the Scriptures. Related incidents illustrating the ignorance of people about the Bible. We need helps. A teacher must prepare the lesson. The Holy Spirit is the greatest help. We need him for a guide. No man can successfully teach geography, astronomy, &c., without maps. So we need helps. Spoke favorably of the New Version as a help. Also catechisms—Baptist catechisms. Warmly recommended reference Bibles and Bible Dictionaries. Mentioned Smith's Bible Dictionary and Lesson Notes in the papers. Commended denominational literature and urged the duty of giving

W. C. McCarthy:

Recommended Sunday School libraries. Has pleasant memories of reading library books in his youth. Has seen Webster's spelling book in Sunday School. Is a little afraid that too much secular instruction will be given our Sunday Schools. A teacher should fill himself full of the lesson. Should be like a wet sponge, or a little girl with a secret which she cannot keep. Must publish the gospel with the earnestness of one crying fire! when a building is being consumed. The Bible has it all. It is truth, pure and unadulterated. The greatest intellect on earth will never fully comprehend the simplest truth taught in the wonderful book. The Bible is its own best interpreter. Yet the speaker feels the need of all the help he can get. Wants the writings which harmonize the seeming discrepancies. Recommended Geo. W. Clarke's Commentaries.

W. A. Nelson:

Recommended the Daily Bible Readings of the Sunday School Lessons. Also Baptist Teacher and Sunday School Times.

Jos. E. Carter:

Fears that we are getting the standard so high that some who are unable to get all that is recommended will become discouraged. But let us get all the helps we can.

W. H. Strickland:

Sometimes we have too many helps. They tempt us to cram the mind. Gave incidents when the questions and answers were all read out from the papers.

A message was read from Elder N. B. Cobb, of Chapel Hill, expressing regret at his inability to attend this meeting and referring to passages of Scripture, which were read.

A message from Dr. T. E. Skinner informed the Convention that he had almost despaired of his wife's life. They were both in town, but brother Skinner visited the Convention but once, on account of her illness. We made a united appeal to God's throne to spare her; remembering also our brother Baldwin.

Adjourned.

FRIDAY EVENING—8½ o'clock.

Half hour praise meeting, led by T. W. Ebeltoft.

Subject for discussion announced by President: "The teacher's preparation of himself."

Rev. A. E. Owen, of Portsmouth, Va.:

I. HEART. II. HEAD. III. MANNERS.

I. Must be a converted man. Have a cleaned heart. No one can point to Heaven and lead the way unless he has spiritually trod the path before. Simply a knowledge of the subject is not enough. Like the civil engineer, must have surveyed the route. Bacon was a great philosopher. But his knowledge did not qualify him to teach religion. One writer calls him the wisest and meanest of men. The devil is wise, but destitute of the love of God, and therefore incapable of teaching God's word. A flower which grows near a race inhales its perfume. So a teacher must live near to Christ and imbibe His spirit. Goethe said, "Two things I love, God and the children." To succeed a teacher must love both.

II. The head must be prepared. Although knowledge *per. se.* is not sufficient, yet no one can teach successfully without it, since no one can impart that which he does not possess. The world's philosophers are afraid of each other. In their writings may be discovered a fear of contradicting one another. This exhibits a want of confidence in the theories advocated. Yet we should labor to acquire knowledge. Let us study the writings and treasure the thoughts of the wise and great. If possible let us trace the mysterious laws which govern material nature, acquaint ourselves with Geology, Astronomy, &c., following the comet in its wonderful flight and thus become more intimate with the great Creator and Preserver of all things. But let us not forget that the Bible is the World's great text-book. It sparkles like a strand of gems from God's hand. It is said, that in the British Navy every rope has in its centre a scarlet thread. This is a mark of ownership. So every line of thought advanced by the teacher should contain the scarlet thread of truth in its centre, which will prove that it had its origin in the Bible. While building the Cathedral of St. Sophia, it is said that the workmen mixed mud with the mortar and thus perfumed the whole building. So divine truth should perfume all of our words. The verses memorized by the speaker, when a wicked boy, often serve as his texts now. But we must be careful not to break the force of divine truth by human adornment. Upon the advice of one of his Savans, a Persian prince built a temple of glass, that his god might be able to enter it from all directions. But he adorned the inner walls with tapestry, &c., until he shut out the light of day and his god could not enter. So we may by art, shut out the light from above. Should illustrate by lilies and other familiar objects.

A prisoner, when committed to the Bastille, lost his identity, and was only numbered. A man carried in with him a dozen linen shirts. He and his companion unravelled the shirts, made a rope of the threads, ascended the chimney, descended by the rope, crossed the moat, climbed the wall and made their escape. Our difficulties, though great, may be overcome.

III. We pass to the teacher's manners:

(a) If a gentleman, he should brush his boots and always be neat and clean. Lady teachers do not need this advice, for they are always tidy. My own little daughter loves her music teacher. She is the queen of her heart. Win your scholars.

(b) Next is self control. Have patience. I love boys, but boys are always put off to the last in every thing. Girls expect us to say nice things to them and are never disappointed. We should also encourage the boys. Don't like solemn people, especially solemn teachers. Be cheerful.

(c) Impart nutritious food. Young robins open their mouths and receive anything given. So with children. Follow the old paths, or you may get lost. The voyage and erection of Cleopatra's Needle was a wonderful achievement of skillful engineering, but I had rather rescue a lost soul than to be the hero of such a triumph. The artist's ambition is to chisel the marble into symmetrical form;

the statesman's to form laws to elevate society; the warrior's to pluck the wreath of victory; but the glory of the teacher is to save and cultivate souls for Heaven.

On motion, adjourned.

SATURDAY MORNING—JULY 25TH, 9½ O'CLOCK.

Elder A. C. Dixon announced that our prayers in behalf of Elder E. F. Baldwin have been answered. He is recovering. We returned thanks, led by Elder R. H. Marsh. Minutes read and approved.

The President appointed as a committee on time and place of our next Convention, J. B. Taylor, W. C. McCarthy and J. W. Denmark. J. E. Ray, in behalf of the Sunday Schools of Raleigh, cordially invited the Convention to meet next year in that city.

President Broughton announced as the subject of the morning, The Relation between the Sunday School and the Church.

Elder R. H. Marsh :

Little difference what our theories are upon this subject, so we work earnestly. Some think the Sunday School a more efficient means of doing good than the church, but the speaker would subordinate all means to the church. Would not call it a "nursery" nor "the church at work," but one department of christian effort. All church members should feel that they are members of the Sunday School by virtue of their relation to the church. Whether their names are on the roll book of the Sunday School or not, they should feel the obligation. Spoke of a Sunday School in Granville county. Had seen a lady there with a cradle, and a baby in it. Thinks this is the banner school in North Carolina. A number of brethren say "Amen!" A gentleman attends who cannot read. He is a prominent citizen, and says God has given him means, and he can pay liberally. Also says he is like a boy walking behind a wagon, he can "scotch" for the Sunday School. We must attend unless excused by God, and not ourselves. The church should equip the Sunday School. In the days of slavery each servant had his "patch." In this way he obtained his pocket money. A master who would have robbed him of this would have been a bad man. Yet some churches depend upon the Sabbath School to meet some of their expenses.

John E. Ray :

The Sunday School should never be considered as distinct from the church. This error we have to fight all the time. Sometimes the children all sign in the Sunday School, but take no part in the church service. Doubtless this is because the preaching is too high for them. We should have more preaching

to the children. True eloquence is earnestness and simplicity. The Sunday School is the church at work. The members who work in the Sunday School are the pillars of the church. They do the work and contribute the money. The Sunday School also prosecute mission work. A vessel at sea came near the shore and was wrecked. Two men floated off upon a plank. Some days afterward one of them was picked up on an island in an unconscious state. When restored his first words were "There is another." This should be our language. There are others. Let us bring them in. Referred to the danger of the Sunday School taking the place of the church. To prevent this let us bring them closer together. The church should choose the officers for the Sunday School. A fond mother had a devoted husband and two fine boys. The husband and one boy died. Then the mother was called. She said to the remaining son: "God will take care of you." He returned from her burial, wandered through the lonely house, and went back and slept upon her grave. Next morning a gentleman found him and asked him why he was there. He repeated his mother's promise, but said God had not done it. The gentleman said God sent me to take care of you, but the child said, "You have been a long time coming." So we are slow to hunt up the little ones.

Our motto is, "A Sunday School in every Baptist church and neighborhood in North Carolina." When will we achieve this grand end? I know not. But this is our object and we will not rest satisfied until every soul within our borders and every child in our lovely land has been brought to Jesus. It matters not about the definition, whether the church is the Sunday School or *vice versa*. Our aims are all one. God grant that the time may not be far distant when we shall see the fruits of our labors.

W. R. Gwaltney :

The definitions given are not large enough. It is the duty of the church, not only to bring souls to Christ, but to *cultivate* them. So it is part of the duty of the Sunday School to cultivate. Doesn't think that many preachers preach so that the children cannot understand them. Denies that the Sunday School teacher's responsibility is greater than the preacher's. Thinks the preacher's responsibility greater than any other person's.

C. Durham :

Much is said about the responsibility of teachers and preachers, but nothing said about the responsibility of idlers. Better talk about the duties of those who fail to do their duty.

J. S. Purefoy :

The question, What relation does the Sunday School sustain to the church? is equivalent to the question, What relation do I sustain to myself? The time will come when the name Sunday School will be dropped, and it will all be the church. Let us pray and work for it.

A. C. Dixon invited all to repair to the Court House to hear an address on prohibition by Elder Jos. E. Carter, for which purpose the Convention adjourned.

SATURDAY—3 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Praise meeting conducted by Elder W. M. Kennedy.

At 3½ P. M., the President announced the Convention ready for business.

The Committee on Time and Place reported, recommending Raleigh as the place and 26th of May, 1882, as the time.

On motion, the question was divided, and Raleigh was selected as the place, and after some discussion, the time of our next meeting was referred to the two Sunday School Boards of the State.

On motion, the Secretaries were ordered to have printed and distribute 1,500 copies of the proceedings of this meeting. A collection was taken to defray the expenses of printing minutes and other necessary expenses of the Convention. The cash collection amounted to \$73.05, and \$94.00 were pledged. Total \$167.05. The money pledged is to be sent to John E. Ray, Raleigh.

The President announced the subject for discussion: "Should Union Sunday Schools be encouraged?"

C. Durham:

Never saw a Union Sunday School, and don't want to. Don't know anything about them, and don't want to. They will not be encouraged by me, and I suppose will not by this Convention. Three kinds of Sunday Schools: Denominational, Union, and those which do not claim to be anything. The Sunday School is the church at work, but what church is at work where an Union Sunday School is running? Don't want any orphan Sunday Schools, i. e., Sunday Schools which nobody claims. Referred to R. H. Marsh's definition that the Sunday School is a department of our work, and would like to know to what department an Union School belongs. Suppose a teacher in one of them teaches all things in general and nothing in particular. Hates such teaching. God developed a knowledge of himself gradually but definitely. Isaiah spoke definitely of Christ, but the full development of Christianity was Christ himself. Quoted Dr. John A. Broadus. That as we make men better Presbyterians, Methodists, Baptists, &c., we make them better christians. The teachers in Union Schools must not teach anything definite enough to be denominational. It might produce friction. The argument offered in favor of these schools is that in some neighborhoods the denominations are too much divided, and are too weak to sustain schools of their own. Thinks that if all the facts were stated that a denominational school might be carried on in any settlement where a school of any kind would be sustained. Don't want any Methodists, Presbyterians, &c., in my church, and if I were a Pedobaptist pastor, would not want Baptists in my church. What do Union Schools do about missions? Do they divide their contributions between the denominations? W. H. Strickland answered: "They have no mission work."

A. C. Dixon said :

He knew of one Union School which contributes to missions, and it permits the donor to choose the object to which his money shall go.

W. A. Nelson :

The first School I ever attended was an Union School. If I answer the question, I say *no*, strongly. Yet there are reasons on both sides. I would not clash with other denominations. Churches of different denominations have grown out of Union Schools. But in each case a denominational school might have been organized at first just as well as afterward. Union Schools have done good, but might not the same good have been done by other means? There is the same necessity for a Baptist Sunday School in a settlement that there is for a Baptist church. Spoke of commencing a Sunday School once in a town, in a rented room, with three scholars. The parents at first said their children were in other schools, and they did not want to stop them. But by perseverance he built a school of 200. Must not think that it requires great numbers. Go to work and build up. Let people be what they are, and not meddle with other people's business. Never knew anything gained by compromise.

Rev. J. A. Lyon, Secretary of Holston M. E. Conference:

We are troubled with Union Schools in East Tennessee. I have no use for a church without a Sunday School. Would not give a nickle to build a church if they did not want a Sunday School. One reason why we have so many is the large number of Union church houses. In a remote section where there is and cannot be a church, then it might do to have an Union School. I would organize denominational schools until all the denominations are forced to take a position.

On motion, agreed to pay the Secretary \$10 for his services.

Resolved, To take a collection at night to assist in building a Baptist church house in the town of Sparta, Ashe county.

Adjourned.

SATURDAY EVENING—8½ O'CLOCK.

After thirty minutes spent in a praise meeting, a vote of thanks to the citizens of Asheville and vicinity for the very hospitable manner in which they have entertained the Convention, and to the railroads for reduced rates, was passed unanimously.

The President announced as the subject of the evening :
"The Best Mode of promoting Sunday Schools in the Country?"

Remarks were made by Rev. Jos. E. Carter, who mentioned the hindrances, as follows :

Want of population in sparsely settled communities, visiting on Sunday, and mistaken zeal of enthusiastic Sunday School orators. These sometimes hinder the work, by asserting that a church is not a church, unless it has a Sunday School. Again they do harm by saying that the Sunday School is a better means of promoting Gospel truth than preaching. Also, that the Sunday School teacher's influence for good is greater than the pastor's. All such expressions are unfortunate and result in evil instead of good. Let our pastors encourage the country churches to have services oftener than once a month, if possible, to keep the Sabbath day holy, attend Sunday School Institutes, procure and use all modern appliances necessary, and above all, keep the brakes upon the enthusiastic orators.

Elder Carter was followed by Revs. R. H. Marsh, A. C. Dixon, D. McNeill and others.

A collection was taken to aid in building a church-house in the town of Sparta, in Ashe county. The amount in cash and pledges was something over two hundred dollars.

The amounts pledged are to be sent to Charles E. Lee, Asheville, N. C.

Adjourned.

SABBATH MORNING—9½ O'Clock.

Met in Sunday School mass meeting. Prayer by W. T. Bradley.

Addresses were delivered by the Secretary, by W. L. Wright of Hillsboro, by T. W. Ebeltoft of Fayetteville, and N. B. Broughton of Raleigh.

A collection was taken and money given to Sunday School Board of Western Baptist Convention.

At 11 o'clock, A. M., Rev. A. E. Owen, of Portsmouth, Va., preached in the Baptist church. Text, Gen. 35 : 2, 3

The Convention re-assembled at 3 o'clock, P. M.

Subject : "Sunday School Music."

Addresses by R. B. Gaddy, of Polkton; Prof. W. C. McCarthy, of Hendersonville; A. E. Owen, W. H. Strickland, and others.

Elder A. C. Dixon read the following essay, by Prof. Jas. A. Delke, of Murfreesboro, N. C., who was appointed to speak on this subject, but was not present:

THE TRILOGY OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL DRAMA IS PRAYER, PRAISE, PRECEPT.

Each is important in its place, but that the second is of prime importance will appear from the fact that it embraces, or it should embrace, prayer and precept. We are commanded to sing with the spirit and with the understanding. That we often fail to do this, is lamentably true.

The correct mechanical execution of music, both vocal and instrumental, demands two things—a proper regard to sound and the time. These depend mainly on the sentiment, and must be regulated thereby. It is, I think, a wise arrangement that our Sunday School songs are generally accompanied by the music, usually, though not always, in unison with the sentiment. But many a song, though well composed and set to suitable music, fails in its effect through disregard to proper time. I think it would be well for the Superintendent, or the leader of the music, before the singing, to read to the school the words to be sung, calling attention to the general subject and any special striking feature set forth therein.

No general rule, much less one of universal application, can be given as to the characterization, number, length, fitness, &c., of the selections, so varied are the tastes, capacities, and means that must necessarily regulate these and other particulars that modify in some way the effectiveness of this interesting and instructive branch of Sunday School service. The selection of the pieces to be sung should never be made, as is often done, hurriedly and at random, but, if possible, in harmony with the day's lesson.

One thing ought to be insisted on, at all times during the exercise of singing, *all* should be required to *stand*, and all that *can*, be encouraged to sing. This will remove from those that can not or will not sing, the temptation to disorder incident to idleness and want of interest, and will go far toward utilizing all the available element of the school.

To render this suggestion practicable, let the school furnish a sufficient number of books, allowing a few extra copies for regular or occasional visitors, and let the proper officer see that every one is furnished with a book.

Do not sing the same pieces too frequently, nor be too anxious to exchange for other books. There is a great tendency in the present age, as was the case with the Athenians in Paul's day, to hear some new thing. Many of the good old Sunday School songs have been superseded by others, inferior both in theology and beauty.

Never hurry through this exercise—better omit it altogether.

Let as many as can, occasionally at least, remain after dismissal, and practice old tunes, or learn new ones. If a few lead understandingly, the rest will confidently follow.

On motion, Father Thomas Stradley, formerly pastor of this church, was granted ten minutes to address the meeting.

Adjourned.

The pulpit of the

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

was filled at 11 o'clock, a. m., by Rev. C. Durham, of Dur-

ham, N. C., and at 8½ a. m., by Rev. A. E. Owen, of Portsmouth, Va.

METHODIST CHURCH.

11 o'clock, a. m., Rev. W. H. Strickland, Anderson C. H., S. C. 8½ o'clock, p. m., Rev. J. B. Taylor, Wilmington, N. C.

COLORED BAPTIST CHURCH.

9 o'clock, a. m., Rev. W. A. Nelson, Shelby, N. C. 11 o'clock, a. m., Rev. S. M. Collis, Bakersville, N. C. 3 o'clock, p. m., G. M. Webb, Shelby, N. C. 8½ o'clock, p. m., Rev. W. M. Kennedy, Masonboro, N. C.

COLORED METHODIST CHURCH.

11 o'clock, a. m., Elder R. H. Marsh, Oxford, N. C. 8½ o'clock, p. m., Elder F. H. Jones, Yanceyville, N. C.

BAPTIST CHURCH.

8½ o'clock, p. m., sermon by Elder Jos. E. Carter. Text, Rev. 21 : 1-4. Theme, "Our Earthly and Heavenly homes contrasted."

At the close of the sermon, special prayer was offered for the recovery of Sister Skinner, wife of Dr. T. E. Skinner, led by Elder F. H. Jones.

On motion of A. C. Dixon, the following brethren were appointed a committee to draft a Constitution and By-Laws for the government of this body : C. Durham, J. W. Denmark, J. D. Joyner, W. C. McCarthy, G. M. Williams, John E. Ray and A. B. Adkins.

The Convention then adjourned, closing a pleasant, harmonious and profitable session.

N. B. BROUGHTON, *President.*

D. B. NELSON, }
JOHN E. RAY, } *Secretaries.*